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Approval of the Modular Education Program for Activity Professionals

Wisconsin representatives of a national activity professional association have requested the Bureau's approval of the "Modular Education Program for Activity Professionals." This course was developed by the National Association of Activity Professionals (NAAP) and the National Certification Council of Activity Professionals (NCCAP).

This memorandum announces the Bureau's approval of this program as a "state-approved program." The consequence of this approval is that any successful graduate of the program is considered a qualified activity professional under federal regulation 42 CFR 483.15(f)(2)(iv).

The approval of this course does not preclude the review and approval of other programs.

Standards in the state rule, sec. HFS 132.69(2)(a), Wis. Admin. Code, for a "qualified activities coordinator" in licensed skilled and intermediate care nursing facilities do not include graduation from a "state-approved program," such as the program in this memo. This means that a facility using a graduate of this program as an activities coordinator must request a waiver or variance from the Department if the person does not satisfy any of the standards in sec. HFS 132.69(2)(a).

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